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POD INCREASINGLY AIR MINDED

POD Warns Against Paris Fraud Scheme

Chief Post Office Inspector James J. Doran revealed that this country has been flooded recently with deluge of letters mailed by an Eric R. Ottenson, 52, bis, Rue des Vinaigriers, Paris, France, advertising pornographic material for sale in violation of the Postal Laws.

The purpose of this enterprise is to have persons receiving the advertisements deposit money with a bank in New York to the credit of the advertiser and he is to then send the material to this country. Such a transaction cannot be consummated as the material is prohibited importation to this country and is subject to seizure by custom officials. A fraud is thus being perpetrated for the reason that people will be paying for something that they will be prevented from receiving according to law.

On January 26, 1949, the Post Office Department took the necessary action to stop this enterprise by having a fraud order issued against Eric R. Ottenson at Paris, France. All mail addressed to Ottenson is being returned to the senders, stamped "Fraudulent—Mail to this address returned by order of the Postmaster General."

The Post Office Department desires to caution the public against being deceived by this fraudulent enterprise. The public is requested to destroy the letters received to prevent them from falling into the hands of those who may not be aware of the fraud or are tempted to respond to the advertisement.

Two Cachets Are Offered Collectors

Two cachets are being sponsored by the American Postage Indicia Society. One is for the first day of issue of the Minnesota Territorial stamp which will have its first day at St. Paul, Minn. on March 3. The other is for the first flight at Brainerd, Wis. on AM-86, March 1.

Those wanting the cachets should prepare their own covers with names, addresses, 6c worth of stamps and a stuffer. They are to be sent to the secretary of the society, Mrs. Emeline T. Meisel, Clintonville, Wis. Packs of covers arriving postage due will not be accepted for servicing, therefore collectors should be certain that there is sufficient postage on the mail to Mrs. Meisel.

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VALUABLE FORGERIES ON DISPLAY. During the French Centenary Exhibit at the Philatelic Museum in Philadelphia a display was made of forgeries made by the "underground" during the war, of Pétain stamps and other postal material. Here shown viewing the exhibit are Mrs. Carl B. Lehr and Mrs. Hess Barr. The exhibition devoted strictly to the postal material of France and Colonies was held from January 16 to February 13 inclusive.

Discoverer Of The Pane Of Inverted 24c Air Mail Stamps Of 1918, Is Called By Death

The man who gained a measure of fame through someone else's mistake, William T. Robey, died at Washington, D. C. on February 5. Robey, it will be remembered, was the collector who found the 1918 airmail stamps with the inverted center. It was the 24c value, in carmine rose and blue, of the first series of airmail stamps.

His philatelic discovery occurred on May 14, 1918 when he was still an employee of the stock broking firm of W. B. Hibbs & Co.

On the night before the stamps were released, Mr. Robey had told his wife of a hunch which he had that there would be a mistake made on this stamp. Due to the fact that they were printed on the flat bed presses, each sheet of stamps had to be passed through the press twice, once for each color.

The inverted center occurred when the sheet with one color already printed upon it was passed through the press in reverse of the correct position.

On the following day, Mr. Robey made three trips to a branch office, purchasing stamps each time, and then examining them closely. On his third trip, he found the pane with the blue airplane inverted inside the red

frame.

Paying the clerk \$24.00 for the full pane, Mr. Robey asked the clerk whether he had any more with the inverted center. The surprised clerk took one look, closed his window and phoned the discovery to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Sales of the stamp were suspended pending the examination of stocks for other misprinted panes.

The pane was kept intact by Robey and sold later for a reported sum of \$15,000 to a Philadelphian. Some time later, the famed Col. E. H. R. Green purchased it for \$20,000 and held it for many years.

The pane has since been broken up into singles and blocks, with the singles having a value of approximately \$3,500. The centerline block has a value of approximately \$75,000.

Mr. Robey had entered the employ of the government about 1935 and went with the Chemical Warfare Service at the outbreak of the war. He was also a charter member of the Pentagon Philatelic Society.

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Quantity Of Mail By Air Continues Increase; New First Flights For Eastern States

That the Post Office Department is becoming more attached to the use of the airplane to carry the mails is indicated by the number of new flights, both domestic and foreign, which it is inaugurating. Part of the story of the new segments of established routes being serviced is the increase in the facilities which are now available to the Department. New airlines, and more planes in service since the close of the war, tell part of the story. In some instances, the Department is improving existing facilities as for instance where the pick-up service which has existed for ten years

above-named offices and to the District Superintendent, District No. 6, Railway Mail Service, Washington, D. C., for Air Mail Field, Washington, D. C., and to the District Superintendent, District No. 5, Railway Mail Service, Pittsburgh, Pa., for Air Mail Field, Pittsburgh, Pa., should be accompanied by a letter authorizing the holding of the covers for the first flight and requesting the application of the cachet. Space approximately 2 1/2 by 2 1/2 inches to the left of the address side of all

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Father Of Communism Appears On Commems

January 21 was the day on which Czechoslovakia released two commemorative stamps for the 25th anniversary of Lenin's death. Lenin was one of the founders of the communist state



of Russia. Values and colors are a 1.50 Kcs brown and a 5.00 Kcs steel blue.

The stamps were designed and engraved both by the artist Jindra Schmidt who has been responsible for a number of the stamp designs of that country. They are printed in sheets of 100 with commemorative tabs along the outside vertical margins.

On the first day of issue the Czech Administration of Posts prepared a special cancellation for the covers of collectors, as well as a special envelope which bore a cachet prepared by J. A. Svengsbir.

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AUSTRALIA: Australia is already making plans for its stamp centenary in 1950. The Post Office department has approved a commemorative for the occasion. Full details will appear here when available.

BAHAWALPUR: Color changes have been received effecting the four highest values of the recent pictorial commemorative set. The stamps affected are the 1 rupee, which now comes in orange and green; the 2 rupee which now comes in red and black; the 5 rupee which now comes in blue and brown and the 10 rupee, which now comes in green and sepia.

BAHAWALPUR: An eight value set of officials has been received which includes the four stamps reported above, in the new colors overprinted in red, with the characters which mean, "official service." Also overprinted in red is the 3 pies of Scott's Type O8, printed in indigo and black. Three other stamps complete the series, but these are overprinted in black. They are the 1 anna lake and black, Scott's Type O-8; the 2 a. dark red and green, in larger format showing buildings and the 4 a. brown and orange showing a mosque.

BELGIUM: A new parcel post set has been issued showing various locomotive types. The 1 franc rose-red, shows a locomotive of 1862; the 5fr. orange, depicts one of 1902; the 8fr. light blue, pictures one of 1906 vintage; the 7 fr. bright green, shows one of 1905; and the 20 fr. yellow, displays one of the 1920 era. It is said that other values will be issued showing other trains with the higher denominations showing the most modern types.

BRITISH GUIANA: The Royal Wedding set for this colony has been issued. Denominations are 3c red and \$3.00 red-brown.



BRITISH HONDURAS: We illustrate the attractive new set just received honoring the battle of St. George's Cay. The 1c green and blue shows an aerial view of the island with a ship approaching it. The same design also is used for the 3c yellow-brown and blue and the 4c violet and olive-green. The 5c indigo and brown, shows a view of H. M. S. Merlin, a three-masted brig of war, which figured prominently in this battle. The same design is also used for the 10c brown and green and the 15c blue and bright yellow-green. On each stamp there also appears the full faced portrait of George VI, surmounted by a crown.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Other new commemorative set marks the 25th anniversary of the death of Lenin. There are 2 values, a 1.50 kcs. purple and 5 kcs. blue.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Other new issues to appear in 1949 will be a Gottwald commemorative in February to mark the 1st anniversary of the communist coup. There is to be a new airmail set with tourist attractions featured, a new regular issue which will portray communist heroes. There is also to be surcharges on the children's semi-posts to use as a charity set in 1949 without a new printing.



FRANCE DEPT. OF REUNION: As I mentioned some time ago, Reunion has been given the status of department and the new stamps have gone on sale in the colony. They consist of 24 values, which include 4 airmails, 7 postage dues, 4 commemoratives, and 9 regular values (in every case the basic stamp is one of the current French stamps overprinted "C. F. A.", and a new denomination with bars obliterating the old value. The overprints are of 2 types and occur in some stamps in red, but on most of them in black.



FRENCH INDIA: Three pretty airmails have been received. These are a 1 ro. red and yellow, showing a plane in flight and a native idol; 2 ro. green and dark green, showing a wing over a native temple and 5 ro. lake and blue showing a bird in flight over a forest of palm trees.

GERMANY: A black diagonal overprint which reads: "E 16 Schmoelln" has been received. These are for use in the Russian zone and we have seen this overprint on the Von Steffen commemorative and also on the Leipzig Fair commemoratives of last year. It is likely that this overprint occurs on the regular issue.



GERMANY: The 20th anniversary of the assassination of Rosa Luxemburg and Karl Liebknecht, has been marked by a single red commemorative of 24 pf. value. These two were killed by German Nationalists.

MARTINIQUE & GUADELOUPE: The stamps of these two islands have become obsolete as of December 31, 1948, and the regular stamps of France are now on sale in the post offices there, as an indication of the new change in status which these islands now enjoy, as departments of France, rather than colonies as heretofore. I am also told that a similar situation has come about in the former colony of Reunion, but that stamp issued there, will bear a surcharge due to variance of postal rates.

RUSSIA: A three value set honoring the 5-year-plan for electro-energy production has been

issued. The stamps are similar in design and format with the sets that came out earlier this year, honoring various other industrial achievements. Denominations and colors are as follows: 30 kopek green, 60 k. red, and a 1 ruble rose-red.

RUSSIA: A four value set honoring the coal and oil industries has also been issued, quite similar in size and format to the set reported above. Denominations and colors are as follows: 30 kopek black, showing coal mining; 60 k. red-brown, showing oil derricks and tank cars. Another 60 k. in chocolate brown, shows the coal-mining scene again, and a 1 ruble green, shows the oil derricks and tank cars. I am told that these sets, as well as the earlier similar sets, are issued at the beginning of the third year of various 5-year-plans to honor those firms which have surpassed their quotas.

VENEZUELA: Due to the acute shortage of certain denominations, revenue stamps have been used for postage off and on for the last year or so as needed, these have been reported here before, both with hand stamp "Correos" and without. Now the shortage has become so general that the 5c and 10c values, of the forthcoming Columbus issue, have been placed on sale to help alleviate the situation. The balance of the set is not to appear for some time yet. The same thing was done with the 5c and 10c of the forthcoming Constitution set, but due to the political changes, were withdrawn. These may never be issued and might be of real value in time.

NEW U. S. FIRST DAYS

March 3—Minnesota Terr. Cent. 3c, St. Paul, Minn. (50 per pane—100 million)

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Puerto Rico 3c commem, probably from San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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STAMP STORIES

New and old anecdotes about stamp collecting

Back in 1940, Western Union issued a booklet of stamps which could be used for the payment of telegraph charges. It was designed to be used as gifts, and to permit large users of their service to keep them around because of their handy form to permit speedy payment of bills.

There being a depression, and the company being more desirous of business than it is today when it is a monopoly without competition, the company was definitely interested in philatelic sales, and in their off moments, the Western Union boys attended stamp club meetings to take orders for the books.

They were actually offered at discount, for the company knew that once they landed in collections, the company would not be called upon to perform the service for which the stamps called.

Of course the boys were philatelically uninformed, and such things as straight edges, centering, and the like were completely beyond their knowledge.

Appearing at a New Jersey club one night, a Western Union boy was asked "How are they centered?" He paused a moment, appearing not to understand, and then an apparent sign of comprehension swept over his face.

"How centered? Well, there is a one center, a five center, ten center, and a twenty-five center!"

Official Territorial Cachet Is Offered

According to earlier announcements, a most unusually artistic and striking cachet in colors, representing the Great Seal of Minnesota has been prepared for cover collectors. The Twin City Philatelic Society will serve as the official sponsors and distributors of First Day Covers carrying the official cachet. These covers may be obtained from Paul Fisher, 4838-30th Avenue South, Minneapolis 17, Minnesota.

The Twin City Philatelic Society's exhibit will be held in the Continental Room of the St. Paul Hotel at St. Paul, Minnesota. It will feature the earlier period of stampless covers and the most complete Minnesota Territorial covers in existence.

The exhibit will include many highlights in Philately, such as the presentation of the new Minnesota Centennial Stamp which will portray the Red River Valley ox cart. The exhibit will include Banquet, bourse, and Junior activities.

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According to George S. Martin, Valznerweilerstrasse 33, Nurnberg, Germany on duty with the occupation forces, the following values of the workers series has appeared with RED overprint of the word "BERLIN." These are sold only for Western Marks, and only in the city of Berlin in the Western sector. These values, 10,

15, 20 and 60 pfennigs received the red overprint.

Mr. Martin states also that there is some speculation as to the condition in which the previously announced series of semi-postal stamps for the city of Freiburg will be issued. These are to appear as an issue from the state of Baden in the French Zone of Occupation. Initial announcements stated that the issue would have 4 stamps all perforated, and that the 150,000 souvenir sheets made up of these four stamps would be imperfor-

French Zone of Occupation. Values are to be 10 plus 4 pfpgs., and 20 plus 6 pfpgs. There are to be 250,000 of each value.

Tucson Airport Dedication Cachet

Collectors who sent covers to Tucson, Arizona to receive the cachet in connection with the airport dedication there from February 12 to 14, should remember that the cachet will be applied on only one day, February 14. This is the last day of the celebration and the actual dedication day.

Two semi-postal stamps for the German Ski Championships have been planned for issuance from the state of Wurttemberg in the February 14 postmark.

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A Call To Reason

In this issue we print an article by Mr. Earl P. L. Apfelbaum. The mere fact that we print this article does not mean that we are in complete accord with all that Mr. Apfelbaum has to say, but we are frank enough to admit that the article meets with our approval with but few reservations on our part. We realize that in printing an article such as this we might be printing things that are contrary to the beliefs of certain other stamp dealers or collectors, for Mr. Apfelbaum is a dealer and speaks chiefly from his views as a dealer. We want it clearly understood that we will as readily print any article from any other dealer who chooses to disagree with the opinions expressed by Mr. Apfelbaum, for it is our duty as a newspaper to allow our readers to present both sides of any case brought before the court. For our part we choose to make a few remarks here that take exception to a statement made by Mr. Apfelbaum. The number of stamp collectors in the United States is not decreasing, but is growing rapidly. What Mr. Apfelbaum should have said was that too many collectors are looking at stamp collecting from an investment angle rather than from a purely hobby angle. Mr. Apfelbaum says "Ninety-nine out of 100 kids, or adults either, just aren't specialist material." That statement we believe is one of the most important in the article and should have the complete consideration of the stamp trade and of the publishers of our catalogs and albums. We need a low priced simplified catalog so badly that it is pitiful that the publishers can not see such a need. Our catalog publishers are a big house whose chief business is dealing in rare and higher priced stamps and collections that run up to several thousands of dollars in value. They utterly fail to recognize the fact that the fine collections of twenty-five or fifty years from now have got to come from the field that is sown and cultivated today and there should be nothing left undone to fertilize this field and make it productive.

Stamp collecting would gain many new recruits and hold them for a long period of time if we had a simplified catalog that they could understand without having to study a catalogue built for the 1% of collectors of today.

Further on the same subject that Mr. Apfelbaum covers, we are of the opinion that investment in stamps in the way of sheets or otherwise is a practical and worth while thing for those who are prepared to invest and carry their investments for long time periods. One can invest and collect at the same time and certainly because a man has surplus money to invest is no reason why it should not be invested in stamps if he so desires. However the pitfalls are many as Mr. Apfelbaum points out and unless you have the foresight and knowledge, you might do better to put your money into something about which you do have more knowledge. In these days when interest on money is at such a low rate one has little incentive to place it at interest. Likewise, when one invests in stocks they are just as likely to lose as gain, so that stamps provide an investment for an experienced person that seems to look a bit better than a lot of other things.

Congratulations to Postmaster Jesse Donaldson, for confirmation of his appointment, by the U. S. Congress.

Next week we will print the answers to the Philatelic Terms Contest. The entries are all in now and are being graded. It should give some of our male stamp collectors something to think about when we say that up to this minute, a lady collector is holding a position very near the top of the list. Many answers for some pictures are given without considering that the answers are all common philatelic terms. Thus far number 17 on the list is the stumbling block, I do not recollect of anyone who has yet given the correct answer to this number.

Philippines Offer Slogan Cancelations

Special slogan cancelations are planned by the Republic of Philippines Postal Administration. The three still possible to collectors in the United States are listed as follows.

From February 15 to March 15, the slogan, "Philippine National Red Cross Second Annual Fund Campaign, February 15 To March 15, 1949" will be applied to mail going through the Manila post office.

A tribute to the Junior Chamber of Commerce is to be found in a second slogan, "The Jaycees / Trail Blazers In Civic Consciousness." This will be applied to covers in the Manila post office from March 16 to 30.

Baguio City post office will apply a third slogan cancel. It reads, "Do Not Miss / Baguio Carnival & Exposition / April 9-24, 1949."

Collectors in the United States wanting these cancelations on covers must prepare their own with the name and the address to whom they are to be sent, plus enclosing a sufficient amount for postage back to this country. The covers, and the instructions for the cancellation of them is to be sent to the Stamp and Philatelic Division, Bureau of Posts, Manila, Philippines.

Payment may be made by U. S. Money order, cash (if req.), personal check, if eighteen cents exchange is added. No postal notes please.

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Revenue Tax Stamps Reflect History

From early in man's history taxation has played an important part. Taxation is the only means Governments have had of raising money to carry on the affairs of the state. The Egyptians and Romans enacted a tax in the form of payments of grain. Later the Feudal Lords and Robber Barons did much the same thing in Medieval times.

The British in imposing the Stamp Tax and other measures, brought about the Revolutionary War which resulted in establishment of the United States Of America.

At first taxes were imposed by the U. S. on imports to protect the goods manufactured at home and later exports were taxed to insure an adequate supply at home.

Soon after the outbreak of the Civil War the U. S. government found itself badly in debt. Partly to liquidate this debt and partly to carry on the war, Congress passed a tax law in July 1862. This law provided for a tax on almost every conceivable item: cosmetics, patent medicines, playing cards, steamship and railroad tickets, bank checks and on all legal documents such as—wills, deeds, power of attorneys, conveyances, agreements, liens, mortgages, foreign and domestic bills of exchange, bills of lading, bonds, insurance, leases and warehouse receipts. The tax was paid for by the use of stamps—Revenue stamps. Thus came into being this fascinating first issue of U. S. adhesive Revenues.

These stamps will ever remind us of a nation torn with strife—of a people facing the emergency with fortitude and accepting a heavy tax burden with patriotic zeal of a stupendous war debt liquidated thru tax measures of the great men of the period: Lincoln, Chase, Sherman, Lee, Sheridan, etc.

These stamps, so familiar to many Philatelists, are mute official evidences of our country's only internal test at arms.

The law calling for the use of these stamps became effective October 1, 1862. It provided that "Stamps denoting the duty charged on any particular instrument, and bearing the name of the instrument on the face thereof" were to be used or the instrument would be invalid in our courts. Stamps were to be issued in denominations to conform with the tax rate.

Minneapolis Collectors Organize New Stamp Club

Minneapolis now boasts a new stamp club for any and all types of collectors especially the amateur. The new club has adopted the name of Minnehaha Stamp Club and is now meeting at the Citizen's Club building, 2010 Minnehaha Avenue.

The early get-acquainted meetings that have so far been held show little need as yet for any intensive entertainment program since the conversations and swap sessions have been quite animated. However, entertainment features are planned for future meetings with the emphasis laid on educational programs.

Newly elected officers are Harry W. String, president, C. C. Hansen, v. president, Fred Storgaard, treasurer and Victor Mars, secretary. Any further inquiries should be addressed to Mr. Mars at 3024 E. 25th Street, Minneapolis. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Fridays.

New Officer For Philatelic Congress

James B. Shaner, 426 West Main Street, Kutztown, Pa., has been appointed Assistant Secretary and Treasurer by the council of the American Philatelic Congress. He succeeds Mrs. C. C. Fritz, who has been active in that capacity for the past few years, it being necessary that she resume her former business activities.

Mr. Shaner is a Past President of the Reading Stamp Collectors Club of Reading, Pa. and had a prominent part in the recent Congress held there.

With the Fifteenth Congress scheduled for the Neil House, in Columbus, Ohio, on November 25-27, 1949, the new Assistant Secretary and Treasurer will conduct a membership and attendance campaign, that the forthcoming Congress may meet the anticipations of the planning committee and the Congress officers.

The longest regular airmail route in the world is from San Francisco, California to Calcutta, a distance of 10,568 miles.

Canton, Ohio Club Plans Two Day Exhibition

Canton, Ohio collectors are going to have two days in which to see the fine stamp exhibition planned by the McKinley Stamp Club of that city. The show, which will be set up in the Onesto Hotel, is dated for April 9 and 10.

Over 100 frames are to be filled with a variety of material, furnished by members of the McKinley Stamp Club, the Timken Stamp Club, the Massillon Stamp Club and collectors in Alliance and other parts of Ohio. All will compete for several trophies donated by interested members of the host club and by interested local concerns.

The bourse will have 25 of the leading dealers in this section of the country.

President of the club, Jack Biris extends an invitation to all collectors to visit the show. He also points out that the club welcomes visitors to the meetings also which are held twice a month at the YMCA.

Company Used Postage Stamps To Pay Tax

U. S. postage stamps in the values of 1c, 2c, and 3c were used by Dr. Kilmer & Co. in place of the 1898 5/8c, 1 1/4c and 2 1/2c revenue stamps which were not available to the company at the time. The company held up the shipment of any medicines from July 1st to the 8th because of inability to get the required revenue stamps. Since banks and express offices had been observed using postage stamps in lieu of revenue stamps, Dr. Kilmer pre-canceled and used 49,000 postage stamps between the 6th and 13th of July. These stamps cost the company \$1,065 which was \$300 more than the revenue stamps would have cost.

On the 7th of July, Dr. Kilmer and Co. sent the following telegram to the Internal Revenue Department in Washington on: "Have been promised stamps daily. Have applied in Syracuse and here every day. Have received none. Our business was at a standstill until July 5th. Since, have used postage stamps, canceled I. R., date, name, etc. Just wired Syracuse again."

On the 18th of July Dr. Kilmer's July 8th shipment to the George Evans Wholesale Department in Philadelphia was seized by the District Collector of Internal Revenue however, Mr. Scott, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, later ordered release of the goods to Evans and gave official sanction to Dr. Kilmer's use of the postage stamps for revenue purposes.

The most important lot of these stamps found by Philatelists was found in the East bearing the date "7-5-98". All dates beyond "7-6-98" were found in the West and Southwest.

Three types of overprints were used and many minor varieties exist.

National Convention For Cancelation Society

Plans for the national convention of the Universal Ship Cancelation Society (USCS) are near the finished stage according to Robert Mathews, president. The Hotel Garde in New Haven, Conn. will house the meet on the days of May 7 and 8.

The David Bushnell Chapter, No. 48, of the USCS, will be the host club. Arrangements for the convention are under the chairmanship of Winfred Grandy, Chapter president, and former national president of the society.

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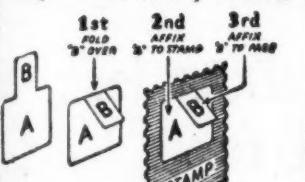
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Oil Men Form Stamp Club In Saudi Arabia

Away over on those hot desert sands of Dhahran, in Saudi Arabia stamp collecting flourishes along with the flow of oil and the growth of a typical American city.

A letter from A. C. Barton, subscriber to Linn's tells of the formation of what is called the Arabian American Philatelists. The club is an active one, the first stamp club in Arabia and is in the city of Dhahran, the American city of the Arabian American Oil Company.

Dhahran is a thriving American community of about 2800 people, many families are there with children. Within the community is a modern swimming pool, a two million dollar modern dining room, a modern club with card rooms, bar, hobby shop, library and lounge rooms. There is also a modern moving picture theatre under construction with a seating capacity of 600, also a bowling alley with eight alleys, and tennis courts at the club. All in all a modern community.

The stamp club consists of some 20 members all of whom are willing and anxious to swap stamps by correspondence with collectors in America.

Many of these collectors have excellent accumulations of various stamps of the middle east and are anxious to trade for U.S. stamps. A club for children and juniors is also being planned. Collectors who are interested can contact the club by addressing Arabian American Philatelists, c/o Arthur C. Barton, 1.B.1.-4-10, Dharban, Saudi Arabia.

Greek Dealer Adds To Big Jackpot Prize

One of the choice items included in the Giant Jackpot which goes to the person making the greatest number of entries in the Philatelic Terms Contest, is two fine lots of stamps contributed by J. P. Drossos, 1 St. Denys Place, Athens, Greece. Mr. Drossos is an old time dealer in Athens and makes this addition to the big Jackpot even at this late date.

The stamps are a complete set of stamps of Greece from 1940 to date with the exception of one stamp C54. Also a collection of mint stamps of Ionian Islands, 29 different in all. The two lots have a catalog value of \$41.00 and make a handsome addition to the other items.

Helvetia Society

Elects And Celebrates

At the annual meeting of the National Helvetia Society, Jacob Brubacher of Cliffside Park, N. J., was reelected President. Also named were Fred A. Laufer, 1st vice president; E. M. Hayden, 2nd vice president; Fred A. Loeliger, secretary; and Vincent Domanski, Jr. treasurer. George Caldwell and Martin Neumunz were elected directors. In his presidential address, Brubacher pointed with pride to the increase in membership in the past year; to the amazing growth in interest in Swiss Philately and to the fine showing made by Helvetians at the Swiss IMABA show and several in the United States.

Any readers interested in forming a branch may contact Fred A. Loeliger, secretary, 1225 Sussex Road, West Englewood, N. J. Avid collectors of Swiss material may inquire about details of the society from Mrs. Sophie Buser, 87 Nassau Street, New York City.

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The Valley Stamp Shop of Charleston, W. Va. is another firm which has expanded to larger quarters. They will have a street level store at 703 Virginia East, Charleston, W. Va. on and after March 1. In the new location, the firm will handle coins and coin supplies as well as their present comprehensive stock of stamps, albums, catalogs and accessories.

Collectors of topical subjects on stamps will be pleased to hear that the third set of album pages on a topical subject has been released by the Topical Type Album Pages, 224 Peachtree Arcade, Atlanta 3, Ga. So far, pages for Trains, Ships and Flags on stamps have been released. Others in the making are for Maps and Sports.

George C. McMillan, who handles a fine stock of mint and used British Colonials, as well as new and recent issues of the world, sent his customers one of the new 4¢ airmail cards on the first day of issue with his compliments. His address is 5313 Lane Place, Downers Grove, Ill.

The 1949 price list of H. E. Harris & Co., 13 Transit Bldg., Boston, Mass. for the stamps of United States, Possessions and British North America is now available to collectors for 10¢ to cover mailing and handling charges.

United States and Canadian collectors interested in the Rex 1949 Catalog of King George VI stamps can obtain it for \$1.10 from M. M. Wiggins, 6817 Georgia Ave., N.W., Washington 12, D.C.

A check list of the 1948 United States commems is being offered without cost to collectors who write him for it states W. Clatterbuck, Box 1329, Akron 9, Ohio, a stamp dealer.

Mint and used United States stamps are the specialty of H. R. Wilk, 3928a Weymouth St., Philadelphia 24, Pa. In this category, he holds a very fine stock of plate blocks, and many of the hard to get items. He also stocks first day covers and philatelic supplies.

The Seaciff Stamp Co., 1040 Sherbrooke St. West, Montreal, Quebec, Canada have revised the services which they extend to collectors. Approval service has been stopped. In its place, the company offers a want list service, and a weekly bulletin of offers which will be mailed to their customers and other interested collectors. Seaciff stock consists of Canada and new issues of the world.

Expert Committee Meets In March

The next meeting of the Expert Committee of the Philatelic Foundation will take place at 22 E. 35th St., New York 16, N.Y. on March 10. Those having material upon which they would have the committee pass an opinion or issue a certificate must have this in their hands by March 2.

Requests for the services of the Committee will be handled strictly in the order of their receipt, and should there be more items than can be conveniently handled at more than one meeting, this material will be held over until the next session.

First Anniversary Death Of Ghandi

On the occasion of the first anniversary of the death of Mahatma Gandhi, the Post Office of India used a special cachet which consisted of a double lined frame bearing in "Indian Script," the favorite prayer of the Mahatma, "May God grant sense to everyone."

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The tremendous popularity of early covers, and even the increased interest in First Day Covers is evidence of this trend. Thousands of collectors who in other days merely sought one of a stamp today are making a study of postmarks, minor varieties, shades and the hundred and one other things that they can find to study.

One of the most popular branches of collecting has been that of collecting proofs and essays, not only those concerned with United States stamps, but on foreign stamps as well. Recent stamp exhibitions have had tremendous representation of these interesting items, and more and more dealers are dealing in them.

Hardly an auction catalog appears these days that does not have an interesting listing of proofs and essays, and ample evidence of the demand for them is the fact that such listings are invariably carried at the very front of the catalog, before the offerings of stamps.

One of the finest philatelic publications in the world today is the Essay-Proof Journal, the organ of the Essay-Proof Society, which is one of the fastest growing groups of collectors in the field. The Society has published a prospectus showing what the group seeks to accomplish, and what they have done along these lines in the past, and Secretary, Stephen G. Rich, Box B. Verona, N.J., would be glad to send one of these to any collector writing for same.

There are few fields today that offer the possibilities that this one does, not the least of the advantages being the comparative ease, and comparative reasonableness in price, with which much of this material can be obtained today.

It is somewhat difficult to believe that many issues of United States proofs can today be purchased for far, far less than proofs of many foreign issues are offered at. In almost every case, up to the Columbian issue of 1893, the proofs, though far scarcer in actual numbers, sell for but a fraction of the price of the stamps themselves.

If any collector desires further confirmation as to what the future holds, he should compare some time a complete set of proofs of ANY United States issue with the same set of stamps in customary perforated form, as regularly issued. For sheer beauty, there is just no comparison.

Exhibition Dates

Feb. 21-26—Whaling City Philatelic Society, New Bedford, Mass.

Feb. 25-27—Beverly Hills Philatelic Society, Ridge Park Field House, 96th and Longwood, Chicago.

March 2-6—Miami Stamp Club, Bay Front Park Auditorium, Miami, Fla. Chmn. G. S. Knoth, 1136 Dupont Blvd., Miami 32, Fla.

Mar. 3-6—Twin City Philatelic Society, St. Paul Hotel, St. Paul, Minn.

March 4-6—SOEX, Walt Whitman Hotel, Camden, New Jersey.

March 19-20—OHPEX, Oden Hill Stamp Club, Oden Park Field House, Chicago, Ill.

March 18-20—BALPEX, Baltimore Philatelic Society, Maryland Institute of Art, Baltimore, Md. Chmn. A. M. Severe, 4711 Forest View Ave., Baltimore 6, Md.

March 18-20—Peoria Philatelic Society, Jefferson Hotel, Peoria, Ill.

March 19, 20—Pulaski Philatelic Club, Veteran's Hall, McDougall and Kirby Aves., Detroit, Mich.

April 1-3—Pottstown Stamp Club, Old Fellow Bid., Pottstown, Pa.

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I know the test I gave the Meter fans was not fair because I realize that many collectors read only certain portions of a stamp paper and perhaps many meter fans did not read my article. Perhaps the term Philometer fooled some into thinking that we were talking about something new or different. However from years of correspondence I know there are a lot of collectors that read my column even though they are not interested in Precancels, because many have told me so.

Discounting everything the totals are not very impressive. Four letters and five cards from collectors of Meters who were interested enough to take time to write. As I mentioned in my first article I wanted to try impartially to find out to what extent Meters are being collected. Perhaps I should not draw conclusions even now but the response was as much as I expected.

UNUSUAL DATED.

For quite some time the Buckeye News Co. of Columbus, Ohio has been using a novel method of dating. All of the items I have seen were on the 1½c narrow bureau of Columbus. The control, a rubber handstamp in red ink is a circle within which is the legend The Buckeye News Co., each word in a line. The circle is small enough to fit on a stamp with a little to spare. Under the circle then in pen and ink some one applies his initials each month such as NL 4/48, or NR 5-48.

The why and the wherefore of all this of course can't be understood. In the first place there is no need to date precancels under the seven cent value. Then the initials to be used are to be of the firm name not the person that applies them. BNC to my mind should have been the initials appearing on the stamp. However there can be no doubt that this is an interpretation of the rules as handed out by the Columbus office and could be that they know what they are doing in making such a decision. I have learned long ago that like the Bible, the Postal rules and regulations contain almost everything and can be interpreted to mean most anything too.

This method of dating I am told has been going on for some few years.

Stamp Club Formed By Fall River Collectors

Collectors in the Fall River, Mass. area will be pleased to know that a stamp club has been formed which now meets regularly. It is the Fall River Stamp Club which has its sessions on the first Thursday of each month at the YMCA in that city.

Officers elected recently are the Rev. A. C. Heller, president; Michael, vice-president; Valerie Foley, secretary and Arthur G. Turner, treasurer.

Including the officers, there are now forty members in the club, each of whom extends a cordial invitation to visit them at any of the meetings.

Los Angeles Club Moves To New Meeting Quarters

One of the first official acts which the Square and Compass Stamp Club of Los Angeles performed when it met in its new quarters was the election of officers. H. H. Harvey was chosen as the president, Charles Pedersen, vice-president, Mrs. Kathryn L. Taylor, treasurer, LeRoy E. Smith, recording secretary and Albert J. York, 649 E. 99th St., Inglewood, Calif. as corresponding secretary.

Meetings are held the second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at 3990 Menlo Ave., Los Angeles. Collectors with the proper Masonic affiliations are eligible for membership.

In January, the group produced the first issue of a club bulletin, "Masonic Stampcraft" edited by H. H. Harvey.

Officers Named By BNA Society

The British North American Philatelic Society recently elected new officers. This is the group which has members in the United States and Canada, and who specialize in the stamps of British North America.

New President is Richard P. Hedley; vice-president is Maj. Ian C. Morgan; treasurer is William C. Peterman and the secretary, Jack Levine, 510 Liberty Ave., Brooklyn 7, N.Y.

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The new trophies are:

1. The Alvin Good Cup to be presented for the best exhibit of United States Stamps. This cup was originally presented to Alvin Good by Garfield Perry on March 21, 1941, in recognition of his forty years of loyalty, leadership, and devoted service to the club. After his death in 1948 his widow asked that the club accept the cup in his memory. The Board of Trustees later made the cup available annually for award at the March Party.

2. The George C. Hahn Trophy, to be awarded for a "One-Frame Exhibit of Distinction." No one stamp in this frame is to exceed the catalog value of fifty cents. Only active members of Garfield-Perry who have never won a first award at any previous Garfield-Perry exhibit are eligible to compete in this class.

3. The Homer C. Landis Certificate for the best in United States Revenue Stamps.

Older awards for which members will also compete at the annual Garfield-Perry March Party are the Lagerloef Trophy for the best exhibit in the show, and the McLoud Trophy for the best foreign stamps exhibited.

New German Magazine Of General Interest

A stamp magazine with an entirely new approach to the matter of stamp articles and illustrations has been produced in Germany. Name of the publication is "Equator." It is the product of Philatelie Equator, P. O. Box 85, Hamburg 36, Germany.

The material covered is of general interest, and is well fortified with illustrations. Due to the fact that it is written in the German language, its usefulness will be limited to persons who can read and understand German.

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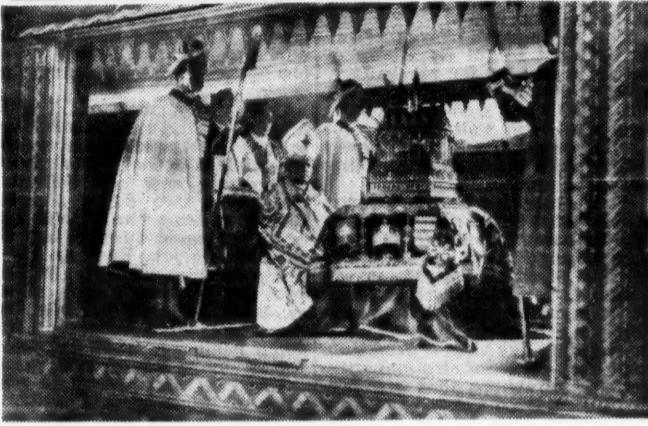
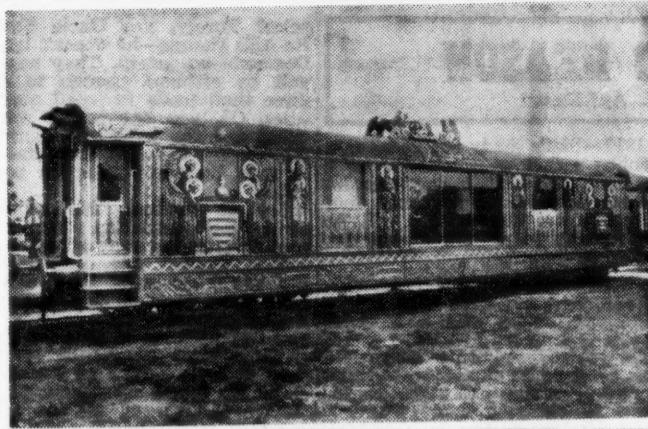
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Golden Train Cancellations

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Eleven years is hardly more than a step in the march of time, but in the space of that short step many things have happened in the government and the freedom of the people of Hungary. In 1938, which is the time of the events recounted here, there was a great deal of governmental and religious freedom. In 1949, eleven years later, the picture has changed considerably, many think, for the worse.

To understand the reverence in which St. Stephen is held by the Hungarian people of all faiths, a review of some Hungarian history is necessary.

Stephen was the son of Geza, the Duke of Hungary, who with his family was baptized into the Western church in 975. Years later when Stephen united the country to form a kingdom, he became its first ruler, as Stephen I. Stephen also was instrumental in establishing the church in Hungary.

In recognition of this dual accomplishment, Pope Sylvester II recognized Stephen as the King of Hungary, and presented him with the crown which has since become familiar to collectors of the stamps of Hungary both as a design and as a watermark.

In one of the many battles he engaged in the establishment of the Kingdom, Stephen lost his hand above the wrist. This relic was preserved in a casket surrounded by a golden replica of the crown. Supposedly, the hand did not decompose, through a miracle, because it had baptized so many Hungarians.

In the year 1033, Stephen was canonized as a saint, in impressive ceremonies at the Vatican in Rome.

At the time of the Eucharistic Congress in 1938, the casket containing the hand of St. Stephen was mounted in a golden car, with large plate glass windows through which the casket could be viewed. At all times it was protected by a guard of honor which included a member of the clergy, and which kept a 24 hour a day vigil. This car was then sent around the country, on which journey it was visited by a tremendous number of persons at each of the stopping places.

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The City of Macon Beer stamps appeared in 8c vermilion, 12c green and 24c blue with values in heavy letters. We have now seen the 12c and the 24c with thinner letters. The 12c is a distinct different shade. This green color is much yellower than before.

KENTUCKY. Dr. Ward Disbrow has discovered several new items from this state and is noting them in his current exhaustive Kentucky article in "Gossip." One new stamp which I have had for some time and failed to note until I read his article is the ½ bbl. Beer stamp on which the background lines have been redrawn. These lines no longer extend through the "BBL" panels on the cancellation end of the stamp.

NORTH CAROLINA. The Feed stamp meter imprints on the back of tags have also appeared in the same values on gummed tape—5, 10, 25, 50, 100 and 200 lbs.

SOUTH CAROLINA. The 50c Business License decal has appeared in a new large design: The value is in a shield beneath the state seal with wording at the top and bottom of the stamp. This black stamp is 23½x29mm and is on cream card black rouletted 6½c.

SOUTH DAKOTA. Wm. Davie sends a Liquor decal of a design here-to-fore unrecorded. It is very similar to the last two designs but the outer edge is scalloped instead of straight as with the other two sets. The value, 4 11/16c, is in the lower right corner, "Alcoholic Liquor Tax" is curved upward around the central design and "Off Sale" is in a curved banner at the left of the value. This value is in the usual red color. Details of the color of card and size of rouletting are unknown.

Mr. Davie also sends a 145 pale blue stamp for 3.2 per cent beer or wine very similar to the last design, but the background has been redrawn and the type used in printing it is smaller. This stamp is perforated 12½. The border of the new background is quite different, the radiating lines are fewer and evenly spaced, the seal border and the stars are unshaded, the seal is now line engraved, two horses are pulling the plow instead of one, etc.

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by Earl P. L. Apfelbaum

I joined my first stamp club in 1917—that's thirty-one years ago. I have been active in the stamp hobby either as a collector or a dealer ever since, and have had thousands of philatelic contacts and experiences denied to most collectors. The stamp learning that I have acquired would fill several volumes—volumes that will be produced whenever I am fortunate enough to acquire leisure for writing. All the foregoing is by way of a background to substantiate the stand that I am here taking on an important topic—that concerning the decrease in stamp collecting in the United States.

I can see raised eyebrows and forefingers whirling around temples as many of you think, "Apfelbaum's mad!" Well, how about a little history?

Up until 1920, practically everyone interested in stamps was a collector. He had one or more albums, stamps from various countries, hinges, a list of wanted stamps, and the pleasurable sensation of possessing a means for the enjoyment of his leisure hours. For as little as \$1.25 a year, he could buy an annual catalog that listed stamps and priced them closely to what was then accepted selling price. Normal intelligence prompted him to know that his stamps should be in sound condition without tears or blemishes, but, with a tolerance that was common to the times, he didn't restrict his collecting to the 1/2 of 1% that were super-duper copies.

As a result, he really had some stamps to enjoy. Their enjoyment included placing them properly in an album that was reasonable in cost and produced by a publisher who had the best interest of stamp collecting at heart. The publisher realized that albums were a necessity and didn't let long periods of time go by without any of his products being available. All the way from the 25c Imperial to the De-Luxe Internationals, a sincere effort was made to produce and distribute up to date editions.

Stamp journals were full of advertisements of stamps from all countries. Dealers, with few exceptions, stocked the world. Occasionally, one would read about a sleeper or an issue that was sure to be good, but most of the stamp journals were full of good old fashioned articles about stamps and collecting them.

The goal of collectors was to acquire variety and, together with the enjoyment of trying to fill their albums, gain some historic, geographic, and biographical knowledge of the world. During that time, American stamp collecting resembled in method and purpose the stamp collecting of the rest of the world. And then came the nineteen-twenties—prohibition, flappers, flivvers, and frustration. In 1920, about 3300 varieties of stamps were issued, and there were almost as many the next year. War and post-war stamps were unloaded on America to the tune of a bootlegger's ransom. Millions were spent for supposed rarities that, within no time, became 2c catalog values.

Reasonable collectors hadn't expected anything else, but the fringe of folks who measure everything by dollars instead of joys soured on foreign stamps. They didn't stop to think of the sound value still possessed by the pre-1914 issues of the historic value possessed by the now common recent stamps. They ignored the fact that, once a stamp is purchased and paid for, it represents primarily an addition to their collection and only secondarily an asset. Naturally, we don't like to buy something for \$10.00 a short while before it becomes available for 2c, but if it still performs the function for which it was purchased, the buyer should feel cheated. The prime function of stamps to a collector should be to form a collection. Re-sale value, while desirable, must always remain a secondary consideration.

Many of those who were let down by the deflation of war issues withdrew from general collecting and frequently confined their activity to United States issues. The result was a boom in the selling price of our country's stamps. Some astute dealer saw

a means of capitalizing on this trend, and it wasn't long before the speculators and tout sheet boys commenced taking over. They introduced angles that could be plugged in the non-philatelic press—get rich overnight angles that looked good in the evening, but oh, when the light struck them the next day!

The trumpets blared, "Buy U.S.—not to fill an album or satisfy a craving for particularly wanted stamps—Buy them 6, 10, 100, or 1000 of a kind—Store them in a vault and wait two years—Double or quadruple your money! The sky's the limit if you buy the right numbers—

Put stamps in a book?—Heaven forbid! That would spoil the speculation because seeing them properly arranged might lead one to see the possibility of pleasure in stamp collecting. Attach a hinge to a gummed back?—Most certainly not! Suppose the next owner wouldn't like hinges? And then centering—the infinitesimal percentage of stamps that are perfection centered became the only collectable stamps. All else became waste basket material. This, despite the fact that common sense should indicate the unrepresentative character of stamps that are not an average of a country's issues.

It was whispered at first, and then shouted that general collecting was too vast—"Don't collect the world—you'll never complete it." I ask, "So what?" Is there any pleasure in a stamp collection after it is completed, and might I ask how many ever completed the United States?

General collecting was called too expensive, but with the same breath, the quack advisor recommended blocks of 4, 9, 16, or sheets of the stamps that they were promoting. The same fellow scoffed at the printed album which gave information and artistic symmetry of far more value to most collectors than are the slide rule, lettering pen, and quadrille page.

They cause a bid and ask market to be established for certain stamps, and plagued it with the same disease that infected Wall Street before the advent of the Securities and Exchange Commission. It became possible for a small combine to acquire a stock of an issue that everyone should realize exists in large quantity and, by quoting sales largely consumed within the group, arouse the public to speculative fever.

At the proper time, the inside boys unload and let the bottom drop out. Then these wise fellows flush with their "legitimate" profit turn to boozing something new. The cry is always the same. Come on, you who want easy money! Stamps are like stock! You can gamble with anything from a buck to a bankroll! Only make sure to get in and get out at the right time. Even get it when the stamp is first issued by calling at your local Post Office or the Philatelic Agency, and buy as many sheets of every new stamp as you can afford. Then, if the wise boys pick one to boom, you will be sure to have some of it. What does it matter if only one in twenty, thirty, or fifty get boomed? Think of the nest egg to send junior through College in twenty years!

Money tied up or loss of real stamp collectors to Philately—whose concern is that? Well, it is my concern, and it is the concern of every far-sighted collector, dealer or publisher connected with stamp collecting. It is even the concern of those who are so desirous of quick profits that they would continue this frenzy of "filatelic finance". Have they thought about the ten or more millions salted into this speculation pile each year and how in ten years it constitutes a backlog of \$100,000,000 unused U.S. postage? Can any conceivable American collecting body carry such a load during adverse economic times which are as certain to come as sunrise and taxes? And then, pray, who is to lift this load of paper and maintain its selling

price? Surely, not Uncle Sam! He sells stamps—he doesn't buy! Dealers?—no, again. They never will be affluent enough to do more than trade in small quantities. Oh, yes, the corner merchant and the bank use stamps. What's the discount from face? At face, they buy from the post office.

Let us replace this selling stamps for speculation with a return to plugging true stamp collecting. Collect one country or the world as suits your taste. Save them used or new, sets or singles—anything that appeals to you and restores to you the joy of filling your albums. Return to your father's hobby of learning about his world by studying his picture gallery of stamps and knowing their origin. To him, the reason for an issue was more important than the latest market quotation on the stamp closed out by the Philatelic Agency last week.

Collectively, we should apply pressure on the various publishers to have them produce and distribute catalogs and albums designed to promote new real collectors. Get out a two dollar abridged catalog to snare the initiate. Later in the game, he will buy the seven dollar job. Have an album ready for him while he is flush with the thrill of a new collector. Don't have to tell him that there is nothing between a two dollar beginners' book and a seventeen dollar job on poor paper.

When a man wants to start some of his neighbors' children, they don't have him tell them they should specialize in Kuwait or Tasmania, or even the United States. Ninety-nine out of 100 kids, or adults either, just aren't specialist material. Give the man attractive book, a mixed lot of stamps, some hinges, and six weeks of sensible guidance. By that time, they will either have the feel of philately and its enjoyment or find out that they prefer jigsaw puzzles. If stamp collecting wins, they will stick and develop a healthy taste for its great pleasure. We must return to the essential of our hobby, and that is collecting stamps. Then, philately will be healthier, the number of its true followers will increase, and there will be real reason in its promotion.

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347	5c blue	.45	4.75	10.00	2.00
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CELEBRATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTH. On January 22, Sweden issued a set of three commemorative stamps which commemorated the 100th anniversary of the birth of August Strindberg. The values were a 20 ore red which appeared in both coil and booklet form, 30 ore blue in coil form and an 80 ore blue green in coil form. The Swedish Postal Administration applied a special cancellation to first day covers. Strindberg was one of Sweden's foremost authors and dramatists. He died May 14, 1912. The cover is shown through the courtesy of Clarence F. Tilker of Madison, Wisconsin.

New Approach Seen To Stamp Purchases

The return to normalcy in philatelic circles is being greeted with mixed emotions.

Both collectors and dealers are welcoming lower prices, for the greater ease in buying, at the same time looking longingly back to prices of a year or two ago when they might have sold for much more than today's prices.

In the New York auctions, the greatest drop in realizations has been in the "champagne" grade of stamps, which for the past five years or more have been bringing absolutely fantastic prices, merely because, being superb, they were accidents of condition. The tremendous spread between "superb" and "very fine" stamps, which featured the stamp market a short year or more ago, is rapidly narrowing as bidders cease competing among themselves for superb stamps on a "devil take the hindmost" attitude.

New York auctioneers report that the demand for stamps is just as strong as ever, but a whole new crop of active bidders appears to have come on the scene, supplanting many of the old regular bidders who have dropped out of the picture. The new school are turning their attention to moderate priced stamps, and they are not nearly as particular on the condition question. Today, stamps that are "very fine" are bringing almost the same prices as those described as "superb."

A further sign of the times is the increasing interest in the stamp itself insofar as its appearance is concerned, with less emphasis on the actual condition. Within the past six months a half dozen firms, including one or two of the country's largest, have actually run advertisements seeking to buy better grade stamps with minor defects that do not mar appearance. Several of the larger approval houses have announced a line of "space filler" material that has proven extremely popular with clients.

The old legend that stamps that are not superb are not worth buying is fast going by the boards, as the philatelic dollar is being made to go farther. While no ethical dealer would sell a dollar Columbus for example, with defects at the same price as one that is perfectly sound, such a stamp, if sold at a fair price, condition considered, will in almost every instance possess the same intrinsic value.

What has given the selling of "seconds" a bad name is the unethical practice of selling them as "firsts." Under such guise, such a stamp can only be a bad purchase.

The new season's price lists now appearing are reflecting the "down to earth" trend in prices, especially insofar as the specula-

tive material of the 1940's is concerned. The Famous Americans, for example, continue to settle to firmer ground, with retail now about \$5.50 in New York, as against the former high of \$10.00.

The recently issued Scott catalog, 1949 edition, reflects this drop when it revised the set price from \$14.75 to \$11.38, a price still much too high, if the catalog is still following its avowed policy of being on a "net price" basis.

Erratic genius breaks forth with a lulu every now and again, but the mean old government doesn't want to see eye to eye with the inventors of most of them.

While the idea is not new by any means, it does pop up at intervals. It concerns the addition of some form of advertising to the silver coins that circulate in the United States. At one time, one of these geniuses wanted to paste a sticker on one side of each coin and which would carry the advertising of some firm.

Latest twist to the old idea, is to place advertising on coins using an indelible ink, which does not wear, or wash off easily. Uncle Sammy says nix, and flouts his big stick in the form of Section 5459 of the Revised Statutes of the United States which imposes a heavy penalty for "defacing coins".

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On October 3, 1883, Max M. Normann, employed by a New York steamship broker, mailed a letter to Captain H. Larson of the Swedish bark Superior at Marseilles. Normann was a junior clerk at the time.

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The post office authorities at Washington are fond of telling of a letter that was mailed from there in 1852 addressed to Robert S. McKay at New Orleans. The letter followed Mr. McKay to Russia, where he was a consular attaché. But he had died there and had left in his will a provision that all his papers should be locked up until his 5-year-old son and namesake attained his majority.

When 1868 arrived the son was traveling and exploring in Africa. A law clerk, not knowing the provisions of the 1852 will, supposed the letter was for the present Mr. McKay and started it forth again. It rested in Cape Town through error until 1871.

When it was started back to New Orleans Mr. McKay had left for exploration in Chile. Letter and addressee finally got together in Louisiana in 1874. And strange to say, matters of business importance to the father were still of business interest to the son.

Philatelic Dictionary Should Be Popular

Collectors of the stamps of Germany, or stamps which bear German notations and overprints have had difficulties now and again in making proper translations of the wording in German which appear on them. Most of the difficulties can be resolved somewhat with the use of the German-English Dictionary which has been published by Erich Haide, (24a) Balje ueber Stade, British Zone, Germany. Consisting of 140, 4" x 5 1/2" pages, with more than 5000 philatelic terms in German with their equivalent English translation, the booklet is well printed and easy to use. It is bound between heavy paper covers.

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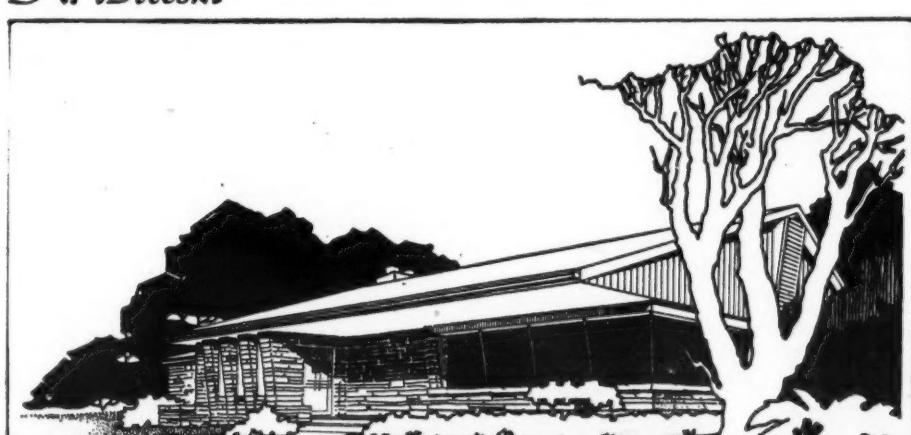
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By Carl P. Rueth

Don't be surprised if one of these days the Post Office Department announces the issuance of a commemorative stamp which none of the guessers have guessed about to date. I refer especially to a stamp to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Universal Postal Union, the founding and first meeting of which occurred on October 9, 1874.

This is the body which in regular meetings makes the reciprocal agreements for the handling of the mail in each other's countries. Most of the nations of the world are members of the U.P.U., including our own United States. It also sets the standards of the service, and establishes the rates and the limits of the rates for various types of mail.

In fact, it is considered the most exemplary gathering of national delegates, for international issues. It has been said that if the diplomatic delegates got along as well as the delegates to the Universal Postal Union Conventions, wars and misunderstandings would have been outlawed years ago.

I believe that the United States Post Office Department would find this 75th anniversary of the U.P.U. a most fitting and popular subject for commemoration. Other nations of the world are going to issue stamps for the event.

To Postmaster General Donaldson and his staff, I would suggest that the Seal of our own Post Office Department be used in an impressive and simple design for such a stamp.

How about it, Post Office Department?

And how about some action on these questions?

1. Who was the first Postmaster General of the United States?
2. Who was the second Postmaster General of the United States and in what years did he serve?

Readers will remember that many months ago it was suggested by this column that the "champ" Lincoln's Gettysburg Address stamp be issued in the form of a souvenir sheet with the actual speech printed on it. I suggested to the POD that this would be excellent propaganda to use on mail abroad.

Since the Grand Army of the Republic has requested a commemoration of the final meeting of this group of veterans, states Joseph Stefanak of Buffalo, N.Y., wouldn't it be an appropriate time to issue the sheet, but in tribute to the G.A.R.? I think that it would, and I emphatically believe that the POD is passing up a very popular idea in not using this stamp with the speech in the form of a souvenir sheet.

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A DID YOU KNOW ITEM: There are more wallets found in mail boxes than any other unmailable item. And it isn't because there is an abundance of absent minded citizens either. The pocket picking profession accounts for the "loose leather."

Pickpockets get rid of a wallet as soon as possible after a "lift" —and what is more safe and inconspicuous than a corner mail box? Postmaster Goldman of New York City states that they find about 100 wallets, empty of course, per month on an average.

In a southern city recently, the postmaster dropped around to the office of the Chief of Police to return his wallet which had been "lifted" from him by a member of the light fingered gentry. The cop is going to have to treat the postmaster real nice to keep the secret from the public who he is pledged to protect from just such forays.

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Annual St. Patrick Day Cachet Offered

On St. Patrick's Day, March 17, collectors will again be able to get a cachet on their covers from the town of St. Patrick, Mo. which claims to be the only one so named in the entire world.

Sponsors of the cachet want collectors to adhere to the following suggestions. Each cover must have the name and the address to whom it is to be sent placed near the right hand side of the envelope. Each cover must have its own stamps. 3c for surface mail, or 6c for airmail. The sponsors will not apply stamps to the covers nor will they make any special arrangements of stamps on the covers. The senders must do this on their own.

It is pointed out that the cancellation of the stamps will be in a black color only, the standard prescribed by the Post Office Department. The cachet will be in green. It consists of a shamrock inside a double circle between whose perimeters is the wording, "Saint Patrick, Mo./The Only One in the World."

Prepared covers are to be sent to the Shrine of St. Patrick, St. Patrick, Mo. Any donations accompanying the covers will be applied to the building fund for the erection of a national shrine to the saint which is planned for the town.

Essay Proof Journal Begins Its Sixth Year

The Essay Proof Journal, quarterly publication of the Essay Proof Society, has entered its sixth year of publication, with the current issue which is dated January 1949.

The current Journal features a list of the life works of George F. C. Smillie, noted portrait and vignette engraver. It is seldom that such an opportunity is presented, but Mr. Smillie, who died in 1924, kept a clear record in two diaries of his work. The records are complete to month and date.

In addition, Arthur Pierce continues his study of Bermuda Essays, proofs and specimens, discussing the "Caravel" types of 1910-36, the 1921 high values of the George V stamps, the Tercentenary issues of 1920 and 1921—each issue being followed by a complete check list.

Collectors interested in the Essay Proof Society should communicate with Thomas F. Morris, secretary, c/o Collectors Club, 22 East 35th Street, New York, N.Y.

May Convention For Wisconsin Federation

The Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs will hold its 18th annual convention May 6, 7, and 8th in Racine, Wisconsin with convention headquarters in Hotel Racine. The exhibit and bourse will also be held in Hotel Racine.

Richard Metz, president of the host Belle City Stamp Club is also general chairman arranging for the convention. Plans are being made to make this convention the best ever held in the history of the Federation.

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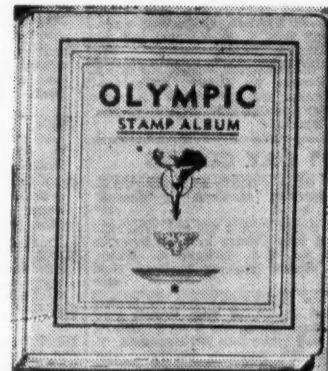
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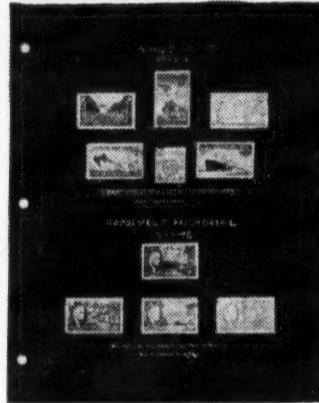
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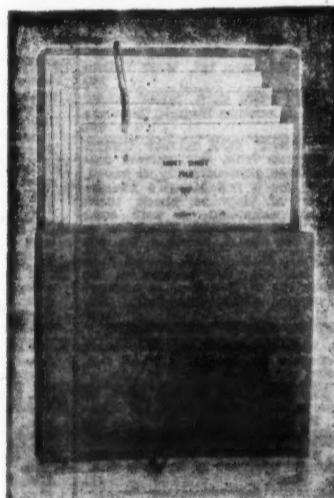
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There were four places from which collectors could send first flight covers. These were New York City; Airmail Field, New York, N. Y.; Boston and Airmail Field Boston.

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AUTOGRAPHS

The following autographs are on small piece of paper, unless otherwise noted.

Lot No.	Description	Cat. Val.
1	F. D. Roosevelt, May 21st, 1934, on Wh. House Stationery	
2	Jane Adams, Famous American	
3	Wm. E. Borah, Former U. S. Senator	
4	(Same as above)	
5	Commander Richard E. Byrd, Famous Antarctic Explor.	
6	(Same as above)	
7	(Same as above)	
8	Royal S. Copeland, former Senator from N. Y.	
9	(Same as above)	
10	Royal S. Copeland, and Robert LaFollette, Jr.	
11	Albert Einstein, Signed 1935	
12	Letter signed by Alfred Einstein, Princeton, N.J., 1935	
13	Carter Glass, Aboard U. S. S. Virginia	
14	(Same as above)	
15	Herbert Hoover, former President of the U. S.	
16	Charles E. Hughes, Former Chief Justice Supreme Court	
17	(Same as above)	
18	(Same as above)	
19	Cordell Hull, former Sec. of State under F. D. R.	
20	(Same as above)	
21	Florence LaGuardia, Famous Mayor of New York City	
22	(Same as above)	
23	Herbert H. Lehman on Executive Mansion Card, as Governor of N. Y. S.	
24	(Same as above)	
25	Lloyd George, Premier of England, World War 1914-1918	
26	(Same as above)	
27	Paul V. McNutt and Charles E. Hughes, Jr.	
28	Paul V. McNutt, Robert LaFollette, Jr.	
29	Frances Perkins, Secy. of Labor, F.D.R. Cabinet	
30	Will Rogers, Famous American and Humorist	
31	R.G. Tugwell, Farm. Assis. Sec. Agric. "Brain Truster"	
32	Autograph and Personal Message, Henry A. Wallace	
33	Henry A. Wallace, Form. Vice-Pres. under F. D. R.	
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59	3c Rose, #85Z, Grill, Smudge Canc., few perfs short	62.50
60	12c Black, #90, Sml. Closed Tear, Blue Cancel	12.00
61	15c Black, #98, Light cancel, Ctrd. RT.	8.00
62	#99, 2c Gray Lilac, Av. Cpy. Questionable Grill	50.00
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67	#121, 30c Blue & Carm., Med. DK. Cncc. Fine Cent.	37.50
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82	#245, 15c Columbian, OG copy, ctd. to RT, JF	90.00
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94	#306, 8c Viol. Blk., 1902, with pl. #, off ctd. VG	5.50+
95	#307, 10c red bln. bl. 4 Imprt & pl. #, off ctd. VG	12.00+
96	#310, 50c Orange, OG copy, VF ctd.	18.00
97	\$2.00 Madison, #312, Just Fine, OG sml. thin	50.00
98	#313, 25c Marshall, Dk. Green, OG copy, VF	8.00
99	#326, Lt. Purch., 3c Blue, F. unused copy, no gum	7.00
100	#327, Lt. Purch. 10c red brn., OG but varied Def.	13.50
101	10c, 13c, 15c Issues, 1909, OG Fine, One St. Edge	7.50
102	#340, 341, OG, Slt. Thin, Fin. Ctrg.	17.50
103	50c Viol. Brown, 1909, #341, OG copy, ctd. to top	15.00
104	\$1.00 Viol. brown, 1909, #342, OG copy, ctd. left	22.50
105	#352 (Pr.) 1c Col. #353 2c Coll. Av. F-Fine	10.25
106	3c Victory #357, OG Blk, VG Ctrd.	4.75
107A	#550, 1c Philbrick, Blk 4, used ctd. to rt.	11.00
107B	\$1.00 Viol. Black, #571, Blk 4, Mint F-VF	11.00
107C	\$1.00 Viol. Black, #571, Arrow Blk 4, Mint F-VF	13.00
107E	\$1.00 Viol. Black, #571, pl. #, bl. 6, Fine+, Mint	17.50
107F	\$2.00 Blue #572, Arrow Blk 4, Mint F-VF	25.00
107G	\$2.00 Blue #572, plate blk 4, Mint, OG Fine+	35.00
107H	\$5.00 Car. & Blue, #573, arr. blk 4, mint, Fine+	45.00
107K	\$5.00 Car. & Blue, #573, Center line bl 4, mint, Fine+	60.00
107L	\$5.00 Car. & Blue #573, Marg. Blk 2 pl. #s, * F + 100.00	100.00
107M	\$1, \$2, \$5 Reg. Issues, #571-73, F-VF, OG	17.50
108	U.S. 90 Diff. Ocr. Varied Bet. #627-825, Some Def.	18.25+
108A	Franklin, 1c Col. #353 2c Coll. Av. F-Fine	10.00
108B	Same as above, but F-VF, OG	7.25
109	Frank. 1c, #632, 2c Wash. #634, 1c Nat. Hale #633, All Sheets of 100, OG copy	10.00+
110	2c Wash. #633, Type II, Fine OG copy	10.00
111	5c Blue, #637, Sheet of 100, Fine, Mint	15.00+
112	6c Red Orange, #638, sheet of 100, Fine+, Mint	20.00+
113	7c Black, #639, sheet of 100, Fine+, Mint	20.00+

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Lot No.	Description	Cat. Val.
114	8c Olive green, #640, sheet of 100, mint, fine+	25.00+
115	10c Orange, #642, sheet of 100, Mint, Fine+	25.00+
117	Kansas, 1c-10c, #658-668 OG Fine	30.00+
118	Nebraska, 1c to 10c #669-79, OG, Fine	20.25
119	1½c Harding #684, sheet of 100, Fine+ Mint	6.00+
120	4c Taft, #685, sheet of 100, Fine+ Mint	12.00+
121	1½c Lt. Blue, #692, sheet of 100, Fine+ Mint	6.10
122	Reg. Issue, 1931, #692-701, 1½c-50c, Cpl. OG Fine	6.10
123	Same as above, but F-VF	6.10
124	12c Br. Violet, #693, Sheet of 100, Fine+, Mint	26.00
125	13c Yel. Green, #694, sheet of 100, Fine+, Mint	26.00
126	14c Dk. blue, #695, sheet of 100, Fine+, Mint	30.00+
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